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MARTIN BORMANN, also
known as Martin Bohrman
GERMAN WAR CRIMINAL

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On March 18, 1965, Joseph W. Rhynsberger, 763 30th Street, Ogden, Utah, called at the FBI Resident Agency at Ogden, Utah. He said that he was born and raised at Leaden, Holland. In the summer of 1942, he was sent to Rotterdam by German military authorities to be trained as a lathe operator; thereafter, he was forced to work in this capacity in German factories. In February, 1945, he was working as a slave laborer at the Schumann Works in Buchholtz, Germany.

In the latter part of June, 1945, he was in the downtown area of Annaberg, Germany, a city adjoining Buchholtz. In front of one of the city offices there, he saw a man, age about 50, of short stature and medium build, whose hands were tied in front of him. He had no shoes on and was wearing a green uniform similar to a German Army fatigue uniform. He was in custody of three armed Russian soldiers. Bystanders told Mr. Rhynsberger that the individual in custody of these soldiers was Martin Bormann, and while he watched, the Russian soldiers put him into a truck and took him away.

Mr. Rhynsberger said that during the time he was in Germany, he had seen several photographs of Martin Bormann in German newspapers and magazines, but he was unable to identify the person he saw in custody of the Russian soldiers as being Bormann. He said that the individual he saw in custody appeared to be substantially smaller in weight and build than indicated by photographs he had seen of Bormann but that it appeared possible he was identical.

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